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IN THE CLAIMS

A listing of the claims of the present application is as follows:

1. (Canceled).

2. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim ~~1~~ <u>8</u> further comprising:

f) means for authoring the one or more first tags and the one or more second tags and inserting them into the program content.

3. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim ~~1~~ <u>8</u> further comprising:

g) means for scheduling the one or more first tags in the program content for local action.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim ~~1~~ <u>8</u> wherein the tables comprise:

a first table means in the receiver for storing the one or more first tags; and

a second table means for storing the one or more second tags.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim ~~1~~ <u>8</u> wherein the one or more first tags comprises means for identifying local content for splicing or replacing program content.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim ~~1~~ <u>8</u> wherein the one or more first tags and the one or more second tags comprise a header, tag type and local action.

8. (Allowed) A system for incorporating local content into a communication stream, comprising:

a) means for transmitting a communication stream including program content to a receiver;

b) means for inserting in the program content one or more first tags and one or more second tags;

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c) means for capturing the program content at the receiver and storing the one or more first tags and the one or more second tags in tables;

d) means for processing the one or more second tags in the tables to modify at least a portion of at least one of the one or more first tags in the tables; and

e) means for processing the one or more first tags in the tables to insert local content in place of the program content for re-transmission to the local area served by the receiver, wherein the processing means comprises:

a supervisor for scanning the tables; and

means for detecting a scheduled time in the program content for initiating and transmitting local action described in the one or more first tags.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim ~~1~~ 8 wherein the means for inserting tags in the program content comprises an authoring tool generating the one or more first tags and the one or more second tags.

10. through 31. (Canceled).